



Friday, May 27, 2011

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

As a school board member, I strive to find innovative ways to reduce costs without compromising the quality of education. The availability of high-speed broadband is essential to helping us to meet this goal. That's why I'm excited about this proposed merger, which will increase access to high-speed broadband (especially for remote and rural communities) and which will make new educational opportunities available for all students, regardless of location.

Improving student success and achievement is our overall goal, and we aim to do this while also engaging all students. Advanced communications technology can be our partner in educational achievement by bringing formerly out-of-reach opportunities to our classrooms. Teachers can use high-speed wireless Internet to give homework instructions and tips or to share links with extra information. The classroom experience can be enriched through the use of multimedia clips or interactive websites and games.

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With reliable, faster access, students can conduct more thorough research as well as get information from primary sources from all around the world. This technology can even allow students to witness national and world events as they unfold in real time, and it can teach them how to participate in all levels of government and how to discover future opportunities. If we want students to be truly engaged, advanced technology is the way to make that happen. If we want to bring the world into the classroom and get students to become excited, active learners, then broadband Internet access is the fastest, most efficient and cost-effective way to accomplish that.

At Mat-Su Borough School District, we prepare students for success, and we strive to be a model of excellence in teaching and learning. I'm proud of our record and especially of our students. I'm also thrilled about the opportunities and possibilities that this merger will deliver our students and to students everywhere. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this merger.

Sincerely,



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Board Member  
Matanuska Susitna School District

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